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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC(7): H04N 7/173 and US Cl.: 725/87		
<b>Applicant</b> DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INC.		

1. This written opinion is the <u>first</u> (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.	
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:	
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the opinion II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application	
3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.	
<b>When?</b> See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).	
<b>How?</b> By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.	
<b>Also</b> For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.	
<b>If no reply is filed,</b> the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.	
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 66.2 is: <u>25 OCTOBER 2001</u>	

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